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1. In order to speed up construction work at the Dresden-Hellerau (Dresden-Klotzsche) airfield, Bau Union Sud of the Ministry of the Interior made a contract in late June 1955 with Bau Union Dresden (headed by Uhlemann-Hero of Labor) to the effect that the latter enterprise carry out the bulk of the construction work whereas Bau Union Sud would only be responsible for the construction of windows and doors for the halls under construction. The reason given was that Bau Union Sud found itself unable to meet the deadlines set for the completion of the construction work. Three new halls are to be built on the airfield site; two of them are to be completed by 30 November 1955. 25X1
2. The original plan of building three new halls in the northeast part of the airfield to replace three old halls demolished in 1945 was abandoned in June 1955 although groundwork had already been started in April 1955. The new runway under construction (2,500 by 250 meters) will end at about the spot where the three new halls were to be located. According to present plans, only one new hall (165 by 110 by 25 meters) will be built there. The remnants of the other two demolished halls are now being removed in order to gain space for the runway. The only hall to be built there is to serve as the control building. As a substitute for the two halls originally to be built at the same location, two halls will be built in the eastern section of the airfield. They will have the same dimensions as the hall mentioned and are to serve as production and assembly halls. Their designations are "Hall No. 12" and "Hall No. 22." 25X1
3. In the eastern section of the airfield, two buildings are to be established, for which groundwork was begun in late June 1955. The designations of these buildings are K-16 and K-31. The first one is to serve as the construction office; K-31 is to be the building for the construction of drive units (Triebwerksgebaeude). 25X1

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4. In late June 1955, inmates of Bautzen and Waldheim jails were engaged in construction work for the new runway. This work is expected to last several months. The work schedule calls for excavating the soil to a depth of about 60 centimeters, packing a layer of vertically-placed stones into the excavation, covering the stone layer with sand and gravel and finally putting a layer of concrete on top.
5. Levelling of the rolling ground was continued in June 1955. In late June 1955, five power shovels were used for the levelling and 40 to 45 dumptrucks transported the loose earth to a low spot near the airfield called "Seiferts Teich". The low spot there is filled in this way and will be included in the expanded airfield.
6. Two small buildings in the eastern section of the airfield are permanently occupied by Soviet officers and guarded by Soviet guards.
7. The airfield is guarded by strong East German police detachments partly equipped with machine guns.
8. The workers at the airfield refer to their work as the "revival of Junkers-Dessau".

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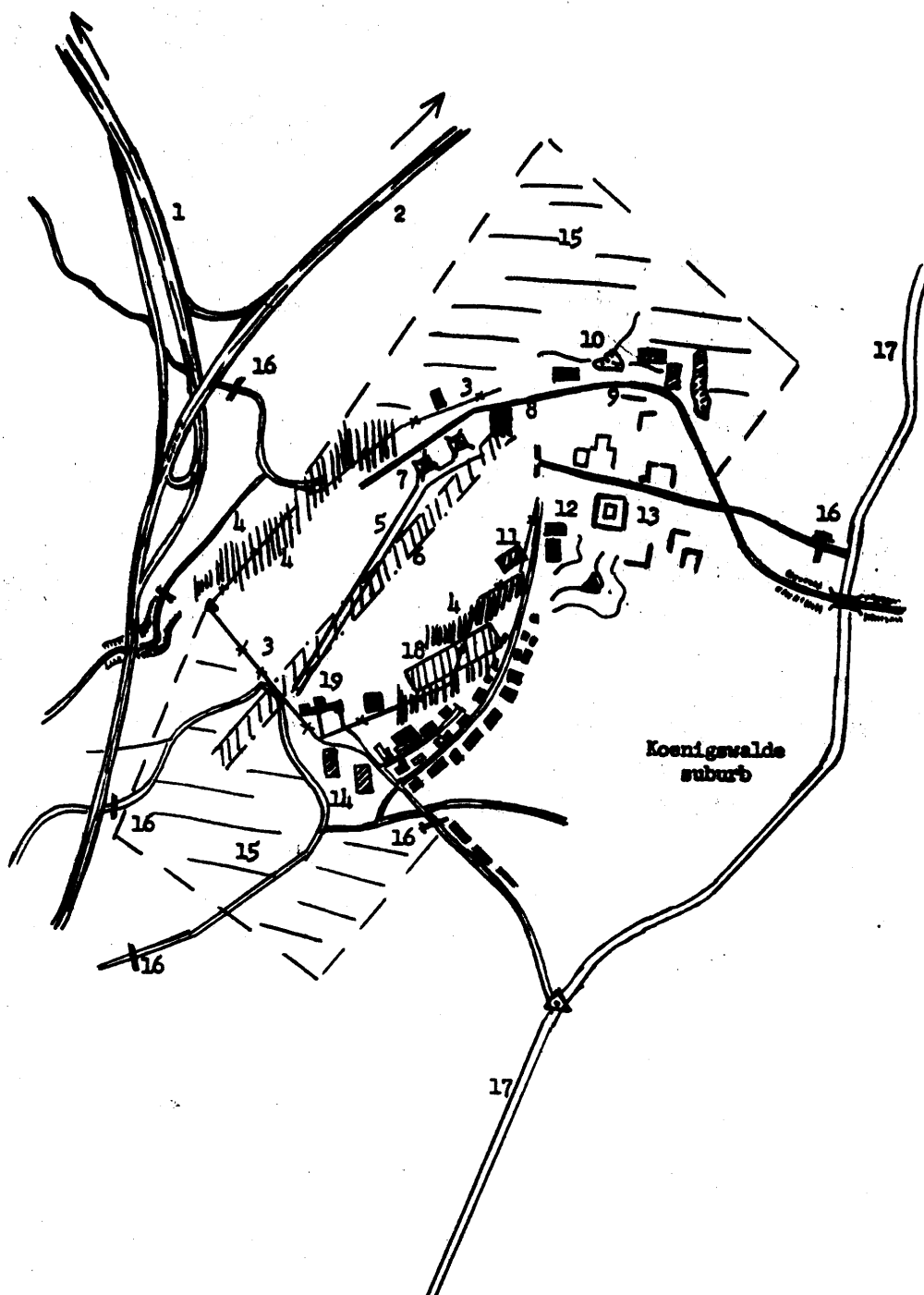
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1. Autobahn to Berlin.
2. Autobahn to Bautzen.
3. Old fence of the airfield.
4. Ground being levelled on both sides of the old fence.
5. Approximate location of the old runway.
6. Approximate location of the new runway.
7. Location of three old halls demolished in 1945. Plans to build three new halls there were abandoned; only one hall will be built.
8. Approximate location of the new hall under construction to serve as control building.
9. Rail track to Dresden-Hoyerswerda main line.
10. "Seiferts Teich".
11. Approximate location of K-16 and K-31.
12. Two small buildings occupied by Soviet officers.
13. Former German Air Academy.
14. Newly built barracks serving administrative purposes.
15. (Horizontally shaded area) Seized by the authorities for expansion of the airfield.
16. Guarded road barriers.
17. State Road 97 Dresden-Weixdorf-Hoyerswerda. Road to airfield branches off at point 208.9 (marked by triangle).
18. Approximate location of the two new halls for production and assembly.
19. Old administration building.

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